

Dhaka Day by Day

Deals are Made but Few Talk about Them

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Suppose you are in a hurry (you always are for that matter), have to reach the destination exactly within the next five minutes, it is an important business appointment.

Normally you do adhere to all the traffic norms consciously while driving as fast as possible on those heavy traffic roads. But accidentally (it might be incidentally or even coincidentally) that the man in the blue uniform summons you. Blowing his famous whistle with all his might so that there is no way you don't hear him.

Yes! You are caught in one of those unknown traps of the traffic rules. "But I didn't break any," you scream. "You most certainly did," screams back the police man.

Pulling aside your car you reluctantly bring out your papers while he reads every word on them, stretching time until you realize what's going on in his mind.

You just pay him Tk 20, maybe Tk 50 or even 100 bucks (if you don't know his rate) he shamelessly lets you go. He is very much a man of the law doing his duties religiously – doesn't let a single soul break the traffic rules – but then again he is a very soft hearted soul – lets you go for almost anything.

These known yet not much talked about underhand dealings or exchanges of the left hand are taking place in almost all sectors of life in Dhaka.

In a bank, a prospective client walks into the manager's room and after hours of discussion, comes out with a happy face and a lighter purse, sure that he has availed of that loan this time. While he walks out, a man (of course a bank employee) stares at him. Not admiring his posh clothes but silently saying "forget me now and see what happens to your deal."



"Oh! you are paying such a handsome amount for the taxes, why don't you give us a couple of thousands as well."

Shocked and yet no less amused the man is happy to get all his luggage intact.

These casual and almost daily dealings are taking place at every step of work here. Taking bribes are natural now, almost like a part of the culture. Everyone thinks of extra incomes.

Take the cake but leave the whipped cream for me, is the attitude (almost in vogue) today. Recently a few conscious citizens have come up with some wall writings and posters criticising such acts or crimes to be precise.



Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam unveiling the plaque marking the laying of foundation of Kamalaghata bridge in Munshiganj yesterday. — PID photo

2 students killed in road mishaps

Two students were killed in two separate road mishaps on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday, police said, reports UNB.

Beauty, 10, a student of class three of Savar school, was killed near Savar Dairy Farm in the afternoon when an Aricha-bound minibus hit her. She died on way to Savar Thana Health Complex.

In another accident, Shufal, 12, a student of Jalshing school, died on the spot when a Dhaka-bound bus from Manikganj hit him at Kelia in Dhamrai.

Police seized the bus but its driver has escaped.

Minister visits malaria affected areas

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Huq visited the Malaria affected areas in sadar thana of Sunamganj district yesterday, reports UNB.

The deputy minister ordered the district administration and health officials to supply mosquito nets, protein, TT injection, some 200 tube-wells and one ambulance in the malaria affected Rongerchar and Choumohoni areas in sadar thana on emergency basis.

Malaria situation has turned serious in five thanas of the district for the last one month.

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Special Instructions:

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2. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender.
3. No tender or part of tender will be accepted after closing of tender.

Md Abdul Baric Miah
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ADC-343

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Metropolitan



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia being received by the ministers at Zia International Airport on her return home yesterday after a three-day official visit to South Korea. — PID photo

Speakers tell BHES confce

Evolve practicable strategy for healthy environment

Speakers at a inaugural session of the first national conference of the Bangladesh Health Educational Society (BHES) yesterday underscored the need for an integrated

strategy for the promotion and maintenance of healthy environment, reports BSS.

They also called for a united and integrated endeavour on the environmental health promotion to achieve an effect on the healthy living standards of the community, including the rural population.

Eminent educationist and director of the Campaign for Population Education Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharifuddin attended the inaugural session as chief guest while BHES president Prof Khurshida Khanom presided.

Held at the auditorium of the National Economic Council (NEC), the inaugural function was also addressed by Director General of the Department of Environment Syed A. N. M. Wahid, Director of the National Institute for Preventive and Social Medicines (NIPSON) Prof Sadeka Tahera Khanom, treasurer of Bangladesh Diabetic Association Major General (retired) A. R. Khan, Professor Emirates A. K. M. Kafuddin, BHES secretary general Minati Prova Chowdhury, member secretary Dr Mohammad Asaduzzaman and convener of publication and public relations committee Begum Setara

The speakers highlighted environmental sanitation and the role of community with special focus on low cost sanitation programmes and the role of education campaign to promote the responsibility and care for improving the household surroundings.

They also underlined the importance of the introduction of modern techniques on solid waste disposal and the role of doctors and NGOs to halt indoor air pollution. They called for a massive campaign by the media for social mobilisation of environmental health and promotional initiatives.

Dr Abdullah Al-Muti said the health situation in Bangladesh is very 'crucial' and as such massive programmes on 'priority basis' should be taken to improve the health care system.

Referring to the per capita low income of the people, nutritional condition of the masses, anaemic situation of the children and mothers and average life expectancy of the people, he called for creating mass awareness and national consensus on this vital issue for the overall improvement of the health situation.

Dr Abdullah Al-Muti pointed out that, still today, about 70 per cent of the rural women have no experience of attending any health care centre.

Rural Housing Forum formed

Twenty-one leading NGOs working in the field of low cost rural housing, human resources development and poverty alleviation formed an apex body titled "Rural Housing Forum" at a meeting held in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

A seven member executive committee was also formed with former director general of the Bangladesh Television Habibur Rahman as the chairman and Syed H. Loton of Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for Landless (RADOL) as the secretary general.

The committee, elected for two years, has AK Arzoo of Jagarani Chakra as the vice-chairman, Jahangir Hassan of Society for Social Forestry as finance director, Shamsul Huq of Swanirvar Bangladesh, Ali Ahmad of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Dewar Hossain of Ganashasthya Kendro as

members.

The 21 NGOs are — Centre for Development Services, Comilla Proshika Centre for Development, Development Partners, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Development Organisation of Rural Poor, Enfands DU Monde, Employment and Technology Development Agency, Gono Shasthya Kendra, Jagorani Chakra, Jatiya Bandhu Parishad Bangladesh, Mitali Sangha, Need Bangladesh, Resource Integration Centre, Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for Landless (RADOL), Sahoo Development Centre, Society for Social Forestry, Swanirvar Bangladesh, Together for Service of People and United Town Organisation Bangladesh.

The objective and function of the forum are service and delivery of low cost rural housing, human resource development and overall poverty alleviation pursuits.

Weather

More rain forecast

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Sylhet, Comilla and Noakhali during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports BSS.

The Met Office forecast that the weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

Day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged.

In its outlook for today and tomorrow, the weathermen predicted little change. Giving extended outlook for another five days, the Met Office said that rainfall likely to increase.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 43.3 degrees Celsius recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest was 25.2 degrees at Bholia.

The sun sets today at 6.40 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.12 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	35.5	28.0
Chittagong	34.5	27.6
Rajshahi	43.3	28.6
Khulna	38.2	28.1
Barisal	34.5	27.4
Sylhet	35.0	25.7
Cox's Bazar	34.0	27.0
Mymensingh	34.6	27.6
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Chhakra Oikya council June 15

A two day national council of the Chhakra Oikya Forum will be held on the Dhaka University campus on June 15 to 16, reports BSS.

This was disclosed at a meeting yesterday at the DU Arts Faculty building with the forum president Moshrefa Mishu in the chair.

The meeting announced a 33-member council preparation committee with Ashrafuzzaman as convener.

Addressing the meeting, Mishu urged her party workers to make the council a success.

War Crimes File to be shown at DUTSC today

By Staff Correspondent

A show of the "War Crimes File" a documentary produced by the "Twenty-Twenty Television" of Britain will be held at the TSC in Dhaka University at 5 pm today.

Muktijoddha Chhakra Command arranged the show and urged the British government to try the three Bangladeshi war criminals now living in Britain.



— PID photo

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Notice is hereby given that the Debenture Register and Debenture Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from the 15th June, 1995 to 30th June, 1995 (both days inclusive) and during this period no transfer of Debenture will be effected in order to facilitate the payment of interest on Debentures for the period from 1st January, 1995 to 30th June, 1995.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No : 36/PSS/Development & Rehabilitation/JZ/FD/94-95

Dated : 02-02-1995

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from A1 & A2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for the undermentioned development work of selected private secondary school under the project "Secondary Schools Development & Rehabilitation" (Govt & Private).

Name of district Name of Thana Group No Name of educational institution Remarks

GOB-6 Magura Shalikha 01 (one) Dhaneswari Secondary School Estimated cost of the work Tk 7,81,669/-

Amount of earnest money for the work Tk 16,000/-

Price of tender for the work Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.

Time limit for completion of work 3 (Three) months.

Last date & time of purchasing tender document 03-06-1995 up to 4:00 pm.